

July 9, 1931

## PIONEER CITIZEN AND BUSINESS MAN PASSES

**A. H. ANDERSON AND IRVIN  
STORY, SON-IN-LAW, DIE  
ON SAME DAY**

With the passing of A. H. Anderson, who died Thursday evening, July 2, in this city, the community lost another of the fast thinning ranks of pioneers. By rather sad co-incidence, Irvin Story, his son-in-law, died earlier in the day, following a lingering illness at his home in Sioux Falls.

Arriving in Groton in 1885 and embarking in the meat business soon thereafter, Mr. Anderson continued in this line for forty years until his retirement about five or six years ago. During the greater part of this time he was associated with his brother-in-law, the late H. O. Frank, under the firm name, Anderson & Frank.

Mr. Anderson served the partnership almost entirely as "counter man" during this entire period. Attired in white cap and apron, always immaculately clean, his face clean-shaven except for the natty mustache he affected to the end of his life, his trim figure will always stand out as the ideal type of meat merchant to those who remember him at the height of his business career.

Another outstanding characteristic was his love for a good horse. During his active life he owned several, which he took great pleasure in keeping carefully groomed and driving around the city streets and country roads. This love for the horse was never quite superceded by the automobile, which was to him in the last analysis merely a convenient means of transportation and not a source of pleasure. Mr. Anderson disposed of his horse many years ago and owned two different automobiles, but the new mode of transportation never enthused him as did his well-bred driving horse.

In addition to his business interests in the city, Mr. Anderson once owned considerable farm property in the vicinity, but disposed of it about the time of his retirement from active business.

Mr. Anderson was in his 69th year at the time of his death, having been born in Beaver township, Fillmore county, Minnesota, on October 23, 1862. He passed the early years of his life in that vicinity, coming to South Dakota and this city in 1885.

On April 19, 1888, he married Miss Anna Kuku, a native of Wilton, Wis., and they took up their residence in this city immediately thereafter. Five children were born to this union, Arthur and Oscar of this city, John of Los Angeles, Mrs. Irvin Story of Sioux Falls and Miss Mary Anderson of Cleveland, Ohio, all of whom survive him. Mrs. Anderson preceded her husband in death on July 29, 1905.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the First English Lutheran church of this city of which he was a charter member and which he served as secretary for a number of years in its early history. The sermon was preached by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Melford S. Knutson, and the remains were laid to rest beside those of his wife in the Groton Union Cemetery.